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Mr. Briggs: *WR*

The attached is from
[redacted] She is also
giving a copy to Bob Gates.

22/11/1985 Judy

Understand DDG said
OK to brief but no documents.
That's fine but I'd like to
get a feel from SSCG and
HPSCG how they view such
OTA activity - then conclude
an SOP. [redacted]

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OTA

Mr. Charles A. Briggs
Director
Office of Legislative Liaison
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Briggs:

The Office of Technology Assessment is currently conducting a study of NATO's Follow-on Forces Attack Concept as requested by the House Armed Services and Foreign Affairs committees. In order to conduct this study, our project team requires up to date information on Soviet and NSWP forces opposite NATO's Central Region, including order of battle and doctrine for conducting an offensive. It will also be important for us to understand relevant emerging Soviet technology.

It is my understanding that we should begin by meeting with Major General Steven Nichols and receive a briefing based on NIE 11-14. Since some of our staff do not yet have codeword accesses and we are working on a tight schedule, I would like to have the initial meeting held at the SECRET level and scheduled as soon as possible. It would also be useful for us to obtain whatever SECRET level documents CIA thinks we ought to have for this project. We will want to hold further discussions at higher levels of classification when our clearances have been straightened out.

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I would like to have the following OTA personnel present at these meetings:

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Peter Sharfman

Alan Shaw

Stephen Budiansky

Michael Callahan

Richard Dalbello

Nancy Lubin

Peter Lert

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as well as Major General Ennis Whitehead (USA ret) a member of OTA's Advisory Panel for the study.

The OTA contact for this request is Alan Shaw, the project Director. He can be reached at 226-2018. OTA's security officer is Tom McGurn at 226-2146.

Sincerely,

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John H. Gibbons

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DI RESPONSE TO OTA REQUESTS

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1. OTA point of contact is Tom McGurn (226-2226), Administrative Officer, Operations Division. McGurn calls several times a year with a request for a briefing or information for OTA Director John Gibbons, usually in connection with a trip overseas.
2. The major OTA requestor is Peter Sharfman (226-2020), International Security and Commerce Program Manager. Sharfman and several of his staff hold codeword clearances which were granted about 5 years ago when they wrote a report on MX (see background contained in OTA file).
3. OTA briefing requests have to be considered with caution. OTA's usual goal is production of an unclassified report on a sensitive topic. In the past we have denied OTA access to NIEs and particularly sensitive ORCON-controlled DI publications, despite strong OTA protestations.
4. The process for setting up DI briefings for OTA staffers is the same as for GAO.
5. As with GAO, we require OTA to submit its draft report to CIA for classification review before publication. CIA's response to OTA must be in writing.
6. We do not have any written understanding with OTA regarding information sharing. Decisions regarding CIA cooperation are made on a case-by-case basis.